

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of post allowance amendment of Claim 1 is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

On April 7, 2003, Notice of Allowance for the subject patent application was mailed, indicating that Claims 1-9 were allowed by the Examiner. Following the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant discovered a typographical error in allowed Claim 1. Specifically, in the subject application as filed, Applicant inadvertently made a typographical error and presented Claim 1(f) to read "...a hybridizing polynucleotide detected at (c) is an exon fragment". Instead, Claim 1(f) should read "...a hybridizing polynucleotide detected at (e) is an exon fragment".

Applicant's representative contacted the Examiner on July 2, 2003 and notified the Examiner of the error. Examiner and Applicant's representative agreed that this mistake may be corrected by submitting a Post Allowance Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312. The amendments to Claim 1(f) is reflected in the listing of allowed claims above. Claim 1(f) was amended by replacing the phrase "detected at (c)" with "detected at (e)". Support for the correction can be found on page 5, line 20 of the application as filed. It is urged that there is a clear basis in the application, as filed, for the claim amendment.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is now ready for issuance as a patent.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone at (206) 382-1191.

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